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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

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Sir:


This communication is submitted in response to the Notice of Allowability mailed November 14, 2003. Attached to the Notice of Allowability is a form PTO/SB/08A containing OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS AND FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS (COPY ATTACHED). The exhibit and article appearing in the NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS section and the six foreign patent documents also appearing on the same PTO/SB/08A were crossed out with the notation that these items were not considered since no copies were provided. This form PTO/SB/08A formed a part of applicant's 6th Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement mailed May 12, 2003. Enclosed herewith is a postcard receipt for the 6th Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement stamped by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on May 14, 2003 indicating receipt of the materials appearing in the attached PTO/SB/08A form. Also enclosed is applicant's copy of the 6th Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

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Consideration of the exhibit, article and foreign patent documents listed on the attached PTO/SB/08A form is respectfully requested. Enclosed are copies of the exhibit, article and foreign patent documents for the Examiner's convenience. The Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned if any questions should arise.

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